

Senate Study Bill 3106 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BROWN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to annual all-systems permits issued by the
2 department of transportation for vehicles of excessive
3 weight.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321E.3, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. Permits issued under this chapter shall be issued
4 by the authority responsible for the maintenance of the system
5 of highways or streets. However, the department may issue
6 permits on primary road extensions in cities in conjunction
7 with movements on the rural primary road system.

8 b. The department may issue ~~an all-systems permit~~ permits
9 under section 321E.8 which ~~is~~ are valid for movements on
10 all highways or streets under the jurisdiction of either
11 the state, except the interstate road system if prohibited
12 under section 321E.8, or those local authorities that have
13 indicated to the department in writing, including by means of
14 electronic communication, those streets or highways for which
15 an all-systems permit is not valid.

16 Sec. 2. Section 321E.8, Code 2022, is amended by adding the
17 following new subsection:

18 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Vehicles with indivisible loads
19 having an overall width not to exceed the width authorized
20 under section 321.454, an overall length not to exceed the
21 length authorized under section 321.457, an overall height not
22 to exceed the height authorized under section 321.456, and a
23 total gross weight not to exceed ninety thousand pounds, except
24 for vehicles in compliance with section 321.463, subsection
25 6, paragraph "c", subparagraph (1), may operate under an
26 all-systems permit and shall obtain route approval from the
27 department. Permitted vehicles under this subsection shall
28 not be allowed to travel on any portion of the interstate road
29 system.

30 Sec. 3. Section 321E.14, subsection 1, paragraph i, Code
31 2022, is amended to read as follows:

32 i. One hundred sixty dollars for an annual all-systems
33 permit issued pursuant to section 321E.8, subsection 1, which
34 shall be deposited in the road use tax fund.

35 Sec. 4. Section 321E.14, subsection 1, Code 2022, is amended

1 by adding the following new paragraph:

2 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0j.* Five hundred dollars for an annual
3 all-systems permit issued pursuant to section 321E.8,
4 subsection 1A. Seventy-five percent of the fee shall be
5 deposited in the county bridge construction fund created in
6 section 312.2, subsection 12, and twenty-five percent of the
7 fee shall be deposited in the road use tax fund.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 Under current law, Code section 321.463 limits the gross
12 weight of a vehicle based on the highway of travel and the
13 number of axles and the distance between the axles on the
14 vehicle. Generally, vehicles are allowed to have a maximum
15 gross weight of up to 80,000 pounds on any highway, and
16 commercial motor vehicles with six or seven axles are allowed
17 to have a gross weight of up to 96,000 pounds on noninterstate
18 highways. To operate in excess of the gross weights allowed
19 under Code section 321.463, Code chapter 321E authorizes
20 single-trip, multi-trip, and annual permits for vehicles of
21 excessive size and weight. Generally, such permits may be
22 issued by the department of transportation (DOT) for vehicles
23 traveling on primary highways, primary road extensions in
24 cities in conjunction with movements on the rural primary road
25 system, and secondary roads or city streets at the request of a
26 local authority. A local authority may also generally issue
27 such permits for streets or highways under its jurisdiction.
28 The DOT may issue an annual all-systems permit authorizing
29 vehicles of excessive size and weight, not to exceed 80,000
30 pounds, to travel on state highways and those streets or
31 highways of local authorities that have indicated to the DOT
32 the streets or highways for which an all-systems permit is not
33 valid. The fee for an annual all-systems permit is \$160.

34 This bill authorizes the DOT to issue an annual all-systems
35 permit for vehicles not exceeding the current size restrictions

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1 under Code chapter 321 and not exceeding a gross weight
2 of 90,000 pounds. Vehicles permitted under the bill are
3 prohibited from traveling on any portion of the interstate road
4 system.

5 The fee for the permit is \$500. Of the fee, \$375 must be
6 deposited into the county bridge construction fund and \$125
7 must be deposited in the road use tax fund.